

REMARKS**Summary of the Office Action**

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed toward non-statutory subject matter and as lacking patentable utility.

Claims 6 and 8 were objected to for having various informalities.

Claims 1-4 and 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Yoshinobu (U.S. Patent No. 5,686,954).

Claims 5 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants have deleted claims 1-9 and added new claims 10-23. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 10-23 are pending for consideration.

The Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed toward non-statutory subject matter and as lacking patentable utility. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is moot because claims 1 and 2 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Objection to Claims 4 and 6

Claims 4 and 6 stand objected to for having various informalities. Applicants respectfully submit that the objection is moot because claims 4 and 6 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-4 and 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshinobu. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is moot because claims 1-9 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

All Claims are Allowable

Applicants have added the new claims 10-23 for further defining the present invention. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants provide the following comments regarding a difference, for example, between the present invention and Yoshinobu.

Applicants submit that Yoshinobu does not disclose each and every feature of the present invention. With respect to Figures 11 and 14 and their explanation in the specification of Yoshinobu, the reservation information is recorded on the program reservation memory 115 in system control section 100, and the TV program is recorded on the mini-disc 201 in the record/reproduce device section 200. At the time of recording operation, the CPU 102 controls the reading from the reservation information in the program reservation memory 115 then receiving the program indicated by the reservation

information and finally sending the program to the record/reproduce device section 200 (mini-disc 201B) through the encode section 73. Therefore, in Yoshinobu, the memory for recording the TV program is completely different from the medium for recording the reservation information (see column 24, lines 25-47). This means that the TV program is never recorded in program reservation memory 115 and the reservation information is never recorded in the mini disc 201B.

On the other hand, in an embodiment of the present invention, both the reservation information and the recorded information (for example, TV program) are recorded on a same medium. Therefore, Yoshinobu does not disclose or suggest the medium incorporated in one embodiment of the present invention.

More particularly, Yoshinobu does not disclose or suggest any of Applicants' claimed combinations including a recordable medium comprising a reservation information area for storing a reservation information and a record information area for storing a record information, wherein the record information is recorded on the record information area based on the reservation information, as recited in claim 10. Furthermore, Yoshinobu does not disclose or suggest any of Applicants' claimed combinations including a recordable medium comprising of reservation information area on which a reservation information is recorded and a record information area for storing a record information, wherein the record information is recorded on the record information area based on the reservation information.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at 202-467-7271 to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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